

PROPOSAL BY: THE RAINBOW CHAZ COLLECTIVE

TO: INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLORS AT THE LABOUR GROUP MEETING ON 24/10/94

re: 21 Leighton Road

THAT The Labour Group:

- Agree with the overall sentiments expressed by Cllr. Dave Horan in his letter to Jeremy Smith regarding this matter
- Express their "in principle" support for Cllr Horan's specific statement that:

"It may be that the initiative proposed [by CHAZ] for the use of this building would in the long run be the best anyway ... which appear to me to link housing, training, environmental and arts base initiatives it may be even that they would be the most appropriate long term occupants."

- Congratulate their officers on their success in attracting DoE funding for the setting up of a womens' winter shelter

THAT The Labour Group request relevant officers:

- * to make further representations to the DoE to ascertain whether permission could be forthcoming for the monies already identified to be used for a "general purpose" shelter
 - * to prepare a draft statement of principles regarding how such a contract might be operated by a voluntary sector group such as the Interchange Trust (or another yet to be identified housing group), which could then choose to work with members of the Rainbow CHAZ in operating the scheme
 - * to prepare a report on what other buildings are available which could be used for a womens' shelter other than Leighton Road
 - * to prepare a report on the feasibility of a "FOYER" type scheme [which has had great success in attracting special funding to other boroughs from both the Housing Corporation and The Princes Trust] with reference to the longer term development of the Leighton Road site
 - * to prepare a report on the possibility of the Rainbow CHAZ group being offered short-term use of the former hostel premises at 9 St. Pancras Way [another empty building] as an alternative to the Leighton Road property
- Request officers to prepare outline papers on the above topics in time for brief discussion under Any Other Business by the Housing Committee meeting of 26th October
 - Express their support of Cllr Horan's initiative in support of the voluntary sector